

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment After Final Action be admitted under 37 CFR 1.116. Applicants submit that this Amendment presents claims in better form for allowance. Furthermore, Applicants believe that consideration of this Amendment could lead to favorable action.

Claims 1-23, 32-34, and 38-43 are pending in the application. Claims 38-43 are allowed. Claims 1-23 and 32-34 are rejected.

Claims 1-23 and 32-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' Admitted Prior Art ("APA") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,229,737 of Walukas et al. ("Walukas"), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,966,723 of James et al. ("James"). Claims 1-23 and 32-34 have been canceled without prejudice. Thus Applicants submit that the rejection has also been overcome.

Claim amendments, other than those specifically discussed above, were voluntarily made to broaden the scope of the Claims.

In summary, for the reasons noted above, Claims 38-43 are distinguished over the cited art and are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. Favorable action is respectfully solicited. Allowance of the Claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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